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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was opened at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany, on 6 November 2017 by Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar (Morocco), President of COP 22.[1] Mr. Mezouar delivered an opening statement.

2. The opening also included statements by Ms. Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Mr. Peteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, Mr. Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Ms. Barbara Hendricks, Minister for the Environment, Nature, Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany, and Mr. Ashok-Alexander Sridharan, Mayor of the city of Bonn.[2]

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session

(Agenda sub-item 2(a))

3. At the 1st meeting of the COP,[3] on 6 November, Mr. Mezouar recalled that, in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the office of President of the COP is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. He informed Parties that a nomination had been received from the Asia-Pacific States. Following the proposal of the President of COP 22, the COP elected by acclamation Mr. Frank Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji, as President of COP 23. A statement was made by the newly elected President.[4]

B. Adoption of the rules of procedure

(Agenda sub-item 2(b))

4. Also at the 1st meeting, the President recalled that the President of COP 22 had proposed, and Parties had agreed, that he would conduct informal consultations on the draft rules of procedure and inform the COP of any developments. The President informed the COP that there continued to be no consensus on this matter and proposed that, as at previous sessions, the draft rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2 should continue to be applied, with the exception of draft rule 42. He also proposed that Mr. Amena Yauvoli (Fiji) hold informal consultations on this issue and report back to the COP on the outcome.

5. At the 12th meeting, on 17 November, the President informed the COP that there was still no consensus on this issue. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to continue to apply the draft rules of procedure as outlined in paragraph 4 above and agreed that the President would continue consultations during the intersessional period and report back at COP 24 (December 2018).

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[1] COP 23 was held in conjunction with the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the second part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). The proceedings of the CMP and the CMA are contained in separate reports (FCCC/KP/CMP/2017/7 and FCCC/PA/CMA/2017/3, respectively). The proceedings of the joint meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA convened during the sessions are reproduced in all three reports.

[2] Available at https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop23/opening-statements.

[3] Meetings of the COP referred to in this report are plenary meetings.

[4] As footnote 2 above.

C. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda sub-item 2(c))

6. At its 1st meeting, the COP considered a note by the Executive Secretary containing the provisional agenda and annotations as well as the supplementary provisional agendas.[5] The provisional agenda was prepared in agreement with the President of COP 22, after consultation with the Bureau, taking into consideration the views expressed by members of the Bureau as well as by Parties[6] at the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). The supplementary provisional agendas were prepared by the Executive Secretary in agreement with the President of COP 22, in accordance with rule 12 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

7. The supplementary provisional agendas were issued in response to two separate requests. The first, from the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Like-minded Developing Countries (LMDCs), was to include an agenda item entitled "Accelerating the implementation of the pre-2020 commitments and actions and increasing the pre-2020 ambition in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision 1/CP.19". It was included on the supplementary provisional agenda as item 5.

8. The second request, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, endorsed by Mozambique, was to include an agenda sub-item entitled "Gateway to encourage, measure, report, verify and account for greater ambition from corporate entities, investors, regions, states/provinces, cities and civil society organizations". It was included on the supplementary provisional agenda as sub-item 21(a).

9. The President informed the COP that his consultations on the inclusion on the agenda of items 5 and 21(a) of the supplementary provisional agenda did not result in a consensus. Accordingly, the President proposed that the President of COP 22 undertake further consultations on the proposed agenda items on his behalf and report back to the COP on the outcome.[7]

10. The President then proposed that the agenda be adopted as contained in document FCCC/CP/2017/1/Add.2, with the exception of items 5 and 21(a), which would be subject to consultations. He also proposed that items 6(a)[8] and 10 be held in abeyance.

11. Following the proposals of the President, the COP adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
   - (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session;
   - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
   - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
   - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
   - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
   - (f) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
   - (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
   - (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:

[5] FCCC/CP/2017/1 and Add.1/Rev.1 and Add.2.

[6] See document FCCC/SBI/2017/7, paragraph 104.

[7] For the outcome of the consultations on the supplementary provisional agenda item 5, see paragraph 35 below. For the outcome of the consultations on the supplementary provisional agenda sub-item 21(a), see paragraph 36 below.

[8] See document FCCC/CP/2016/10, paragraph 72.

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

(b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

(c) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement.

4. Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

5. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15:

(a) Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention (*agenda sub-item held in abeyance*);[9]

(b) Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention.

6. Report of the Adaptation Committee.

7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

8. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism:

(a) Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network;

(b) Review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

9. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention (*agenda item held in abeyance*).[10]

10. Matters relating to finance:

(a) Long-term climate finance;

(b) Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance;

(c) Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund;

(d) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility;

(e) Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism;

(f) Process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement.

11. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

12. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.

13. Capacity-building under the Convention.

14. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:

(a) Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10);

[9] This sub-item was included on the provisional agenda for the session as agreed at COP 22 with the understanding that it would be held in abeyance at COP 23.

[10] This item was also held in abeyance at COP 22. It was included on the provisional agenda for COP 23 in accordance with rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

(b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.

15. Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation.

16. Gender and climate change.

17. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.

18. Administrative, financial and institutional matters:

(a) Audit report and financial statements for 2016;

(b) Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017;

(c) Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

(d) Decision-making in the UNFCCC process;

(e) Review of the process established by decision 14/CP.1 relating to the selection and nomination of the Executive Secretary (at the level of Under-Secretary-General) and the Deputy Executive Secretary (at the level of Assistant Secretary-General).

19. High-level segment:

(a) Statements by Parties;

(b) Statements by observer organizations.

20. Other matters.

21. Conclusion of the session:

(a) Adoption of the draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-third session;

(b) Closure of the session.

12. In addition, statements were made by five Parties, including one on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Group (EIG).

D. Election of officers other than the President

(Agenda sub-item 2(d))

13. At the 1st meeting, the President informed the COP that Mr. Helmut Hojesky (Austria), a Vice-President of the COP, had begun consultations on the election of officers other than the President during the forty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and would continue the consultations until the nominations were finalized.

14. The President, recalling decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18, requested the COP to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in bodies established under the Convention. He also invited groups and constituencies to submit all outstanding nominations by 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 November. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to postpone the election of the other officers of its Bureau until all nominations had been finalized.

15. The President informed the COP that, in accordance with rule 22 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the incumbent members of the Bureau would remain in office until their successors had been elected.

16. At the 14th meeting, on 18 November, the President thanked Mr. Hojesky for his assistance with the consultations on the election of the other officers of the Bureau as well as the officers of other bodies under the Convention. He informed Parties that the nominations for COP Rapporteur and two COP Vice-Presidents were outstanding, and that, therefore, the COP 22 Rapporteur, Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway), and COP 22 Vice-Presidents Mr. Vladimir Uskov (Russian Federation) and Mr. Walter Schuldt-Espinel (Ecuador) would remain in office in accordance with rule 22, paragraph 2, of the draft rules

of procedure being applied. The COP, on a proposal by the President, urged the regional groups to conclude their consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the Executive Secretary by 31 January 2018. Once these nominations have been received by the Executive Secretary, the nominees will be deemed elected at COP 23 in accordance with established practice.

17. On a proposal by the President, the COP elected by acclamation the other members of the Bureau of COP 23.[11] The composition of the Bureau is therefore as follows:

Bureau	
President	Mr. Frank Bainimarama (Fiji)
Vice-Presidents	Mr. Ian Fry (Tuvalu)
	Mr. Mohamed Nasr (Egypt)
	Ms. Konstancja Piatkowska (Poland)
	Mr. Walter Schuldt-Espinel (Ecuador)[12]
	Mr. Majid Shafiepour (Islamic Republic of Iran)[13]
	Mr. Vladimir Uskov (Russian Federation)[14]
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice	Mr. Paul Watkinson (France)
Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation	Mr. Emmanuel Dumisani Dlamini (Swaziland)
Rapporteur	Mr. Georg Børsting (Norway)[15]

E. Admission of organizations as observers

(Agenda sub-item 2(e))

18. At its 1st meeting, the COP considered a note by the secretariat on the admission of organizations as observers,[16] which lists six intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and 132 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that applied to be admitted as observers. In accordance with the recommendations of the Bureau, and on a proposal by the President, the COP admitted the organizations listed in the above-mentioned note by the secretariat.

F. Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

(Agenda sub-item 2(f))

19. At the 1st meeting, the President referred the COP to the annotations to the provisional agenda.[17] He noted that the subsidiary bodies would develop draft decisions and conclusions for consideration by the COP, and that it was imperative for the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the SBI to conclude their work as scheduled, on Wednesday, 15 November. The President informed the COP that the SBSTA and the SBI would hold the first part of their closing plenary on Tuesday, 14 November, and would conclude their sessions on 15 November.

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[11] The list of officers elected to the Bureau of COP 23, the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) is available at http://unfccc.int/6558.php.

[12] See paragraph 16 above.

[13] See paragraph 6 of document FCCC/PA/CMA/2017/3 regarding the election at CMA 1.2 of an additional member of the Bureau.

[14] See paragraph 16 above.

[15] See paragraph 16 above.

[16] FCCC/CP/2017/2.

[17] As footnote 5 above.

20. The President recalled that COP 21 had established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) and had requested the APA to report at future sessions of the COP on the progress of its work. The President therefore informed the COP that the APA would resume its first session for its fourth part on Tuesday, 7 November, and conclude its work on 15 November. The APA would then submit the results of its work to the COP.

21. On a proposal by the President, the COP decided to refer the following agenda items to the subsidiary bodies:

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Item 6	Report of the Adaptation Committee
Item 7	Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts
Item 8(a)	Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network
Item 14(a)	Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)

Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Item 11	Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 12	Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention
Item 13	Capacity-building under the Convention
Item 14(b)	Matters relating to the least developed countries
Item 16	Gender and climate change
Item 18(a)	Audit report and financial statements for 2016
Item 18(b)	Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017

22. Also at the 1st meeting, the President recalled that, by decision 2/CMP.12, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) had invited the COP to bring to the attention of the APA the information provided by the Adaptation Fund Board on the added value of the Adaptation Fund for the operationalization of the Paris Agreement. On a proposal by the President, the COP requested the APA to include the information contained in the addendum to annex I to document FCCC/KP/CMP/2016/2 in its deliberations.

23. The President drew the attention of Parties to the recommendation of APA 1.3[18] that the COP may wish to address the need for procedural clarity regarding the draft decision for consideration and adoption at the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) on the matter referred to in paragraph 28(c)(ii) of document FCCC/APA/2017/2.

24. The President informed the COP that, during the conference:

(a) The SBI would convene the fourth facilitative sharing of views under the international consultation and analysis process[19] and complete the second round of multilateral assessment under the international assessment and review process[20] on 10 November;

(b) The high-level climate champions would convene a series of events under the banner of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action in the Bonn Zone.[21] The high-level event on climate action would open on 13 November in the Bonn Zone and close

[18] FCCC/APA/2017/2, paragraph 30.

[19] See document FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 11 and 12.

[20] See document FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 10.

[21] The conference was organized in two interlinked zones: events were held in the Bonn Zone and negotiations were held in the Bula Zone.

on 15 November in the Bula Zone, where the climate champions would report on the outcomes of the activities and their engagement throughout 2017;

(c) The Fijian Presidency would organize high-level events in the Bonn Zone and would convene the first open dialogue between UNFCCC NGO constituency representatives and Parties, as recommended at SBI 46,[22] on 8 November. The open dialogue would be convened in the *talanoa* spirit.

25. With regard to agenda item 19, "High-level segment", the President informed the COP that the inauguration of the joint high-level segment of the COP, the CMP and the CMA would take place on 15 November in the presence of Heads of State and Government, Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and other dignitaries.

26. The President noted that Heads of State and Government, ministers and other heads of delegation would deliver national statements on 15 and 16 November. As per established practice,[23] no decisions would be taken in the joint meetings. The President set a time limit of three minutes for each statement at the high-level segment and informed the COP that each Party would have one opportunity to deliver a national statement. He also noted that statements by senior representatives of IGOs and NGOs would be heard on 16 November, that a time limit of two minutes per statement had been set and that the full version of all statements would be posted on the UNFCCC website.[24]

27. The President assured Parties of his intent to ensure a Party-driven, transparent and inclusive approach with proper time management. This would include enforcing agreed working practices, beginning meetings on time and ensuring meetings finish by 6 p.m. or, exceptionally, by 8 p.m. to allow the work to be completed by 16 November and to ensure an orderly closure of the conference on 17 November.

28. The President informed the COP that the COP and the CMA would convene a joint meeting on 16 November to review progress in the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement.[25]

29. He further informed the COP that separate meetings of the COP, the CMP and the CMA would be held on 17 November to adopt decisions and conclusions, including those recommended by the subsidiary bodies.

30. The COP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposals made by the President.

31. With regard to the request made by Turkey to seek access to support from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) under the Paris Agreement for Parties whose special circumstances are recognized by the COP, the President informed the COP at its 1st meeting that the President of COP 22 had informed him that the open-ended informal consultations convened in conjunction with the forty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies had not resulted in any conclusions. The President also informed the COP that he had requested Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary in the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany, to undertake open-ended informal consultations on his behalf and to report back to the COP on the outcome.

32. At the 13th meeting, on 18 November, the President informed the COP that there was still no consensus on this issue and thanked Mr. Flasbarth for conducting the consultations on his behalf as a result of the request made by Turkey. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to conclude its consideration of the matter. Statements were made by representatives of two Parties.

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[22] FCCC/SBI/2017/7, paragraph 119(b).

[23] See document FCCC/SBI/1999/8, paragraph 63(e).

[24] https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop23/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements-of-cop23/cmp13/cma12.

[25] As per decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 11. See paragraph 66 below for a summary of the joint meeting. Owing to scheduling changes, the meeting was held on 17 November.

33. With regard to the special needs and special circumstances of Africa, the President informed the COP at its 3rd meeting, on 7 November, that during the year the President of COP 22 continued to convene open-ended consultations, chaired by Mr. Aziz Mekouar (Morocco), and that no conclusions had thus far been reached. The President also informed the COP that he would continue to conduct consultations on this matter. He requested Mr. Yauvoli to undertake these consultations on his behalf and to report back to him on the outcome.

34. At the 13th meeting, the President informed the COP that there was no consensus on this matter and thanked Mr. Yauvoli for conducting the consultations on his behalf. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to continue the open-ended consultations on this matter during COP 24. At the joint 15th meeting of the COP, 14th meeting of the CMP and 19th meeting of the CMA, on 18 November, convened to hear closing statements, the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC) requested that the special circumstances and needs of all developing countries, including the members of AILAC, be taken into account in the consultations.

35. With regard to the inclusion on the agenda of the supplementary provisional agenda item 5, at the 14th meeting the President recalled that he had requested the President of COP 22 to undertake further consultations on the matter and to report back on the outcome. The President informed the COP that the consultations had resulted in agreement among Parties. This agreement is reflected in section III of decision 1/CP.23. The President thanked the President of COP 22 and his team for their work.

36. With regard to the request for the inclusion on the agenda of the supplementary provisional agenda sub-item 21(a), at the 13th meeting the President informed the COP that there was still no consensus on this issue. The President thanked the President of COP 22 and his team for their effort.

37. The President convened an informal stocktaking plenary on 11 November to review progress made during the first week of the conference and to hear views of Parties on how to advance work in the second week in order to reach a successful outcome.[26]

38. At the joint 2nd meeting of the COP, 2nd meeting of the CMP and 9th meeting of the CMA, on 6 November, opening statements were made by representatives of 16 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the European Union and its 28 member States; EIG; the Umbrella Group; the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS); the least developed countries; the African Group; the Coalition for Rainforest Nations; the LMDCs; AILAC; the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty; Brazil, China, India and South Africa; and the Arab Group.

G. Dates and venues of future sessions

(Agenda sub-item 2(g))

39. At the 3rd meeting, the President noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President of COP 24, CMP 14 and CMA 1.3, to be convened in Katowice, Poland, from 3 to 14 December 2018, would come from the Eastern European States, the President of the sessions of the governing bodies to be convened in November 2019 from the Latin American and Caribbean States, and the President of the sessions of the governing bodies to be convened in November 2020 from the Western European and other States.

40. The President recalled that COP 22 had accepted the offer of the Government of Poland to host COP 24. He informed the COP that the Eastern European States had nominated Mr. Jan Szyszko, Minister of Environment of Poland, to serve as the President of COP 24, CMP 14 and CMA 1.3. Mr. Pawel Salek, State Secretary and Government Plenipotentiary for Climate Change of Poland, was invited to make a statement.

41. The President invited Parties to come forward with offers to host the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in 2019 and 2020. He proposed that Mr. Deo Saran (Fiji)

[26] See https://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/informal-stocktaking-plenary-by-the-president.

conduct informal consultations on this agenda sub-item on his behalf with a view to proposing a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at the closing meeting.

42. At the 13th meeting, the President thanked Mr. Saran for conducting informal consultations on his behalf.

43. On a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 22/CP.23, entitled "Dates and venues of future sessions".

44. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Mr. Szyszko, President-designate of COP 24, which included the announcement of the nomination of Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow as the high-level climate champion.

H. Adoption of the report on credentials
(Agenda sub-item 2(h))

45. At the 12th meeting, the President referred to the report on credentials,[27] which the Bureau, in accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, had examined and approved.

46. The COP, on the basis of the report of the Bureau and the additional credentials provided by four Parties (Angola, Colombia, Namibia and Thailand), accepted the credentials of Parties attending the session. In addition, the secretariat received credentials from New Zealand on 17 November 2017; Sao Tome and Principe on 23 November 2017; Dominican Republic, Kenya, Mauritius, Senegal and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) on 29 November 2017; and the Plurinational State of Bolivia on 30 November 2017.

I. Attendance

47. The sessions in Bonn were attended by representatives of 194 Parties to the Convention as well as representatives of one observer State, as listed in the annex.

48. The session was also attended by representatives of 56 United Nations bodies and programmes, convention secretariats, specialized agencies and institutions, and related organizations of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of 75 IGOs and 953 NGOs, as listed in document FCCC/CP/2017/INF.4.

49. According to decisions 36/CMP.1 and 2/CMA.1, the admission of organizations as observers as decided by the COP also applies to the CMP and the CMA, respectively. Observer organizations newly admitted to the sessions of the COP, the CMP and the CMA are listed in document FCCC/CP/2017/2.

J. Documentation

50. The documents that were before COP 23 are available on the UNFCCC website.[28]

III. Reports of the subsidiary bodies
(Agenda item 3)

A. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
(Agenda sub-item 3(a))

51. At the 12th meeting, the Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Carlos Fuller (Belize), introduced the draft report on SBSTA 47[29] and gave an oral report on the results of SBSTA 46 and 47.

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[27] FCCC/CP/2017/10–FCCC/KP/CMP/2017/7–FCCC/PA/CMA/2017/2.

[28] http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/session/10376.php?view/documents.php#c and http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_nov_2017/in-session/items/10482.php.

[29] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/L.18.

52. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the report on SBSTA 46,[30] the draft report on SBSTA 47 and the oral report provided by the Chair of the SBSTA. The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Fuller for his skilful guidance of the work of the SBSTA over the past two years.

53. At the same meeting, the SBSTA recommended two draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the COP under this agenda sub-item. Other recommendations of the SBSTA are reflected in this report under the appropriate agenda items.

54. The COP, on recommendations of the SBSTA,[31] adopted the following decisions:

(a) Decision 2/CP.23, entitled "Local communities and indigenous peoples platform";

(b) Decision 4/CP.23, entitled "Koronivia joint work on agriculture".

55. Also at that meeting, the President reminded the COP that SBSTA 46 and SBI 46 had recommended a draft decision[32] for adoption by the COP on a joint agenda item. On the basis of that recommendation, the COP adopted decision 18/CP.23, entitled "Scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it".

56. A statement was made by a representative of one Party.

B. Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
(Agenda sub-item 3(b))

57. At the 12th meeting, the Chair of the SBI, Mr. Chruszczow, introduced the draft report on SBI 47[33] and gave an oral report on the results of SBI 46 and 47.

58. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the report on SBI 46,[34] the draft report on SBI 47 and the oral report provided by the Chair of the SBI. The recommendations of the SBI are reflected in this report under the appropriate agenda items. The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Chruszczow for his skilful guidance of the work of the SBI over the past two years.

C. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement
(Agenda sub-item 3(c))

59. At the 14th meeting, the Co-Chairs of the APA, Ms. Sarah Baashan (Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention) and Ms. Jo Tyndall (Parties included in Annex I to the Convention), introduced the draft report on APA 1.4[35] and gave an oral report on the results of APA 1.3 and 1.4.

60. On a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the report on APA 1.3,[36] the draft report on APA 1.4 and the oral report provided by the Co-Chairs of the APA. The President expressed his appreciation to Ms. Baashan and Ms. Tyndall for their skilful guidance of the work of the APA.

[30] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4 and Add.1.
[31] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraphs 109 and 46 respectively.
[32] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 56, and FCCC/SBI/2017/7, paragraph 99.
[33] FCCC/SBI/2017/L.19.
[34] FCCC/SBI/2017/7 and Add.1 and 2.
[35] FCCC/APA/2017/L.3.
[36] FCCC/APA/2017/2.

IV. Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

(Agenda item 4)

61. At the 3rd meeting, the President recalled that the Paris Agreement had entered into force on 4 November 2016.

62. The President informed the COP that, as at 6 November 2017, 168 Parties to the Convention had deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Paris Agreement. He congratulated those Parties that had ratified the Paris Agreement and invited all other Parties to the Convention to expedite their ratification.

63. The President recalled that, at COP 21, the COP had decided to oversee the implementation of the work programme resulting from the relevant requests contained in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 9. The President also recalled that, at COP 22, the COP had decided to convene at COP 23 a joint meeting with the CMA to review progress in the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement.[37]

64. The President further recalled that COP 21 had decided to convene a facilitative dialogue among Parties in 2018 and that COP 22 had requested the Presidents of COP 22 and COP 23 to conduct transparent and inclusive consultations with Parties during 2017 on the organization of that facilitative dialogue. The President informed the COP that consultations had been conducted under the leadership of Ms. Nazhat Shameem Khan (Fiji) and Mr. Mekouar, who were then invited to provide an oral report to the COP on their consultations. Afterwards, the President requested them to continue during the conference their consultations on the features of the dialogue. The President informed the COP that he would announce the final approach to the design of the facilitative dialogue at the closing plenary.

65. At the same meeting, representatives of six Parties made statements, including one on behalf of AOSIS, one on behalf of the LMDCs and one on behalf of AILAC. Statements were also made by representatives of local government and municipal authorities and youth NGOs.

66. On 17 November, the joint 11th meeting of the COP and 17th meeting of the CMA was convened to review progress in the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement. The Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI and the Co-Chairs of the APA provided an update on progress made on the elements of the work programme under their respective bodies. The President reiterated the important oversight role of the COP with regard to the implementation of the work programme. He informed Parties that he had requested Ms. Khan to work closely with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI and the Co-Chairs of the APA throughout the year. He also informed Parties that he had asked Ms. Khan to consult on his behalf on a COP decision that would identify how best to advance and complete the work programme by the end of 2018. Ms. Khan then provided Parties with an update on the consultations on the outcome of COP 23.[38]

67. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 1/CP.23, entitled "Fiji momentum for implementation". The President noted that the decision underscored the importance of maintaining momentum, the determination of Parties to complete the Paris Agreement work programme in 2018, and the importance of pre-2020 implementation and ambition. The COP also launched the 2018 facilitative dialogue, to be known as the Talanoa Dialogue. The approach to the design of the dialogue is contained in an informal note by the Presidencies of COP 22 and COP 23, which can be found in annex II to decision 1/CP.23.

[37] Decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 11.

[38] See https://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/joint-11th-meeting-of-the-cop-and-17th-meeting-of-

68. The President noted that the Talanoa Dialogue would consider, as one of its elements, the efforts of Parties on action and support, as appropriate, in the pre-2020 period.

69. The President also noted that the Talanoa Dialogue would be led jointly by the Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24.

70. On a proposal by the President, the COP requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of funds:

(a) To prepare inputs from the Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24, under their guidance, to the Talanoa Dialogue;

(b) To support the realization of the dialogue;

(c) To develop and manage an online platform so as to facilitate access to all inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue.

71. The President thanked Ms. Khan and Mr. Mekouar for their hard work in leading the consultations on the Talanoa Dialogue.

V. Consideration of proposals by Parties for amendments to the Convention under Article 15

(Agenda item 5)

A. Proposal from the Russian Federation to amend Article 4, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention

(Agenda sub-item 5(a) *held in abeyance*)

B. Proposal from Papua New Guinea and Mexico to amend Articles 7 and 18 of the Convention

(Agenda sub-item 5(b))

72. At the 3rd meeting, the President referred to the documents listed for this agenda item in document FCCC/CP/2017/1.[39]

73. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to hold informal consultations facilitated by Mr. Yauvoli on this matter and to report back to the COP on the outcome.

74. At the 12th meeting, the President informed the COP that Parties had not concluded their consideration of this matter and thanked Mr. Yauvoli for his assistance. In accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, this matter will be included on the provisional agenda for COP 24.

VI. Report of the Adaptation Committee

(Agenda item 6)

75. The COP had before it the report of the Adaptation Committee.[40] At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

76. At its 12th meeting, the COP took note of the SBSTA[41] and SBI[42] conclusions on this matter.

[39] FCCC/CP/2011/5 and FCCC/CP/2011/4/Rev.1.

[40] FCCC/SB/2017/2 and FCCC/SB/2017/2/Add.1–FCCC/SBI/2017/14/Add.1.

[41] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraphs 29–32.

[42] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraphs 77–80.

77. At the 14th meeting, the President noted that nominations to the Adaptation Committee were outstanding and urged groups and constituencies to continue their consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 31 January 2018 at the latest. Once the nominations have been received by the Executive Secretary, the members will be deemed elected at COP 23 in accordance with established practice.

78. Acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Adaptation Committee:[43]

Adaptation Committee

Asia-Pacific States	Ms. Liu Shuo (China)
African States	Ms. Madeline Diouf (Senegal)
	Ms. Kulthoum Motsumi (Botswana)
Eastern European States	Mr. Vladimir M. Kattsov (Russian Federation)
	Ms. Iryna Trofimova (Ukraine)
Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Meredith Ryder-Rude (United States of America)

VII. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

(Agenda item 7)

79. The COP had before it the report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.[44] At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

80. At its 12th meeting, on a joint recommendation of the SBSTA[45] and the SBI,[46] the COP adopted decision 5/CP.23, entitled "Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts".

81. On the joint recommendation of the SBSTA and the SBI, the COP agreed that the expert dialogue referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 5/CP.23 be named the Suva expert dialogue and that the clearing house for risk transfer, which the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism had operationalized and launched at COP 23, be named the Fiji Clearing House for Risk Transfer.

82. At the 14th meeting, the President noted that a nomination to the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism was outstanding and urged the constituency concerned to continue its consultations and submit the outstanding nomination to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 31 January 2018 at the latest. Once the nomination has been received by the Executive Secretary, the member will be deemed elected at COP 23 in accordance with established practice.

83. Acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism:[47]

[43] The latest list of members and alternate members is available at http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/election_and_membership/application/pdf/nominations_received.pdf.

[44] FCCC/SB/2017/1 and Add.1.

[45] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraphs 33 and 34.

[46] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraphs 81–83.

[47] As footnote 43 above.

The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Monika Antosik (Poland)
	Mr. Erling Kvernevik (Norway)
	Mr. Thomas de Lannoy (European Union)
	Mr. Christoph von Stechow (Germany)
	Mr. Kimio Takeya (Japan)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Nedal Katbehbader (State of Palestine)
	Ms. Ekaterina Mikadze (Georgia)
	Mr. Nurul Quadir (Bangladesh)
	Ms. Sumaya Zakieldeen (Sudan)

VIII. Development and transfer of technologies and implementation of the Technology Mechanism

(Agenda item 8)

A. Joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network

(Agenda sub-item 8(a))

84. The COP had before it the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the CTCN for 2017.[48] At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

85. At its 12th meeting, on a joint recommendation of the SBSTA[49] and the SBI,[50] the COP adopted decision 15/CP.23, entitled "Enhancing climate technology development and transfer through the Technology Mechanism".

86. At its 14th meeting, the President noted that nominations to the TEC and the Advisory Board of the CTCN were outstanding and urged constituencies to continue their consultations and submit the outstanding nominations to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible and by 31 January 2018 at the latest. Once the nominations have been received by the Executive Secretary, the members will be deemed elected at COP 23 in accordance with established practice.

87. Acting on a proposal by the President, the COP elected the following members of the TEC:[51]

Technology Executive Committee

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Alysha Bagsara (New Zealand)
	Ms. Dinara Gershinkova (Russian Federation)
	Mr. Igor Onopchuk (Ukraine)
	Mr. Michael Rantil (Sweden)
	Ms. Elodie Trauchessec (France)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Ayele Anabo (Ethiopia)
	Ms. Stella Gama (Malawi)
	Mr. Changmo Sung (Republic of Korea)

[48] FCCC/SB/2017/3.
[49] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraph 35.
[50] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 84.
[51] As footnote 43 above.

88. At the same meeting, the COP, acting on a proposal by the President, elected the following members of the Advisory Board of the CTCN:[52]

Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

Parties included in Annex I to the Convention	Ms. Sara Aagesen-Munoz (Spain)
	Ms. Moa Forstorp (Sweden)
	Ms. Orly Jacob (Canada)
	Ms. Mette Moglestue (Norway)
Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Mr. Joseph Amaukwah Baffoe (Ghana)
	Mr. Pei Liang (China)
	Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze (Georgia)

B. Review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network

(Agenda sub-item 8(b))

89. At the 3rd meeting, the President recalled that COP 17 had requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to commission an independent review of the effective implementation of the CTCN four years after its inception.[53] The President also recalled that COP 18 had agreed that the United Nations Environment Programme would be selected as the host of the Climate Technology Centre for an initial term of five years, with possible renewal if so decided at COP 23.[54]

90. The COP was invited to consider the findings of, and recommendations arising from, the independent review referred to in paragraph 89 above and to determine any further follow-up actions for enhancing the performance of the CTCN.

91. The COP was also invited to consider matters relating to the renewal of the memorandum of understanding between the COP and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre and to determine any follow-up action, as appropriate.

92. On a proposal by the President, the COP established informal consultations on these matters facilitated by Mr. Balisi Gopolang (Botswana) and Ms. Elfriede-Anna More (Austria).

93. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of business and industry NGOs and environmental NGOs.

94. At its 12th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 14/CP.23, entitled "Review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network". The President thanked Mr. Gopolang and Ms. More for their hard work.

IX. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b), of the Convention

(Agenda item 9 *held in abeyance*)

X. Matters relating to finance

(Agenda item 10)

A. Long-term climate finance

(Agenda sub-item 10(a))

[52] As footnote 43 above.

[53] Decision 2/CP.17, annex VII, paragraph 20.

[54] Decision 14/CP.18, paragraph 2.

95. At the 3rd meeting, the President invited the COP to consider the summary report on the in-session workshop on long-term climate finance in 2017[55] and the note by the President of COP 22 on the second biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance.[56]

96. The President invited Mr. Mezouar to provide an update on activities undertaken following the high-level ministerial dialogue.

97. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) and Mr. Børsting.

98. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 6/CP.23, entitled "Long-term climate finance". The President thanked Mr. Fakir and Mr. Børsting for their hard work.

B. Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance
(Agenda sub-item 10(b))

99. At its 3rd meeting, the COP had before it the report of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)[57] and a technical paper on the review of the functions of the SCF.[58]

100. The President thanked the Co-Chairs of the SCF, Ms. Bernarditas Muller (Philippines) and Mr. Børsting, for their work. He invited the COP to consider the report of the SCF and to consider and adopt the review of the functions of the SCF as prepared by the SBI in accordance with decision 9/CP.22, paragraphs 1, 4 and 6.

101. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Ms. Delphine Eyraud (France) and Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong (Palau).

102. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted the following decisions:

(a) Decision 7/CP.23, entitled "Report of the Standing Committee on Finance";

(b) Decision 8/CP.23, entitled "Review of the functions of the Standing Committee on Finance".

103. The President thanked Ms. Eyraud and Ms. Uludong for their hard work.

C. Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund
(Agenda sub-item 10(c))

104. At its 3rd meeting, the COP had before it the report of the GCF to the COP,[59] the report of the SCF to the COP[60] and a report on the operation of the registry of nationally appropriate mitigation actions.[61]

105. On the invitation of the President, the Co-Chairs of the GCF Board, Mr. Ewen McDonald (Australia) and Mr. Ayman Shasly (Saudi Arabia), reported on the progress of the work of the GCF in 2017. The President thanked the board for its dedication and work, and invited the COP to consider the reports of the GCF and the SCF and to provide guidance to the GCF.

106. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Mr. Tosi Mpanu (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Mr. Stefan Schwager (Switzerland).

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[55] FCCC/CP/2017/4.
[56] FCCC/CP/2017/8.
[57] FCCC/CP/2017/9.
[58] FCCC/TP/2017/4.
[59] FCCC/CP/2017/5 and Add.1.
[60] As footnote 57 above.
[61] FCCC/CP/2017/INF.3.

107. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 9/CP.23, entitled "Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund". The President thanked Mr. Mpanu and Mr. Schwager for their hard work.

D. Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

(Agenda sub-item 10(d))

108. At its 3rd meeting, the COP had before it the report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the COP[62] and the report of the SCF to the COP and the report on the operation of the registry of nationally appropriate mitigation actions referred to in paragraph 104 above.

109. On the invitation of the President, a representative of the GEF secretariat, Ms. Chizuru Aoki, reported on the activities of the GEF in 2017 related to the Convention and on the conformity of those activities with the guidance received from the COP. The President thanked Ms. Aoki and invited the COP to consider the reports of the GEF and the SCF and to provide guidance to the GEF.

110. On a proposal by the President, this agenda sub-item was considered by the contact group referred to in paragraph 106 above.

111. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 10/CP.23, entitled "Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility".

E. Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism

(Agenda sub-item 10(e))

112. At the 3rd meeting, the President recalled that COP 4 had decided to review the Financial Mechanism every four years in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention[63] and that COP 22 adopted the updated guidelines for the sixth review and requested the SCF to provide expert input to the review with a view to the review being finalized at COP 23.[64]

113. On a proposal by the President, this agenda sub-item was considered by the contact group referred to in paragraph 101 above.

114. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 11/CP.23, entitled "Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism".

F. Process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement

(Agenda sub-item 10(f))

115. At the 3rd meeting, the President recalled that COP 22 had decided to initiate a process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement with a view to providing a recommendation for consideration and adoption at CMA 1.[65]

116. The President also recalled that, in accordance with decision 13/CP.22, a round-table discussion among Parties was organized by the secretariat. On a proposal by the President, the COP was invited to consider the summary report[66] on the round-table discussion.

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[62] FCCC/CP/2017/7 and Add.1.
[63] Decision 3/CP.4, paragraph 2.
[64] Decision 12/CP.22, paragraphs 1 and 2.
[65] Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 55.
[66] FCCC/CP/2017/INF.2.

117. On a proposal by the President, the COP established a contact group on this matter co-chaired by Ms. Outi Honkatukia (Finland) and Mr. Andres Eduardo Mogro Zambrano (Ecuador).

118. Statements were made by representatives of business and industry NGOs, local government and municipal authorities, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

119. At its 14th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 12/CP.23, entitled "Process to identify the information to be provided by Parties in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 5, of the Paris Agreement".

120. The President thanked Ms. Honkatukia and Mr. Zambrano for their hard work.

XI. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 11)

121. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBI for its consideration.

122. At its 12th meeting, the COP took note of the SBI conclusions[67] regarding the status of submission and review of second biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

123. The COP noted that SBI 48 would continue the consideration of the compilation and synthesis of second biennial reports from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

124. At the same meeting, on a recommendation of the SBSTA,[68] the COP adopted decision 19/CP.23, entitled "Training programme for review experts for the technical review of biennial reports and national communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention".

XII. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

(Agenda item 12)

125. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBI for its consideration.

126. At its 12th meeting, the COP took note of the SBI conclusions on:

(a) Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;[69]

(b) Provision of financial and technical support.[70]

127. At the same meeting, the COP noted that the SBI had agreed to initiate its consideration of the revision of the modalities and guidelines for international consultation and analysis at SBI 48 on the basis of experience in the first round of international consultation and analysis.[71]

128. At its 14th meeting, the COP noted the nominations of members to the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.[72]

[67] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 16.
[68] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4, paragraph 86.
[69] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraphs 20–26.
[70] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 27.
[71] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 29.
[72] See http://unfccc.int/bodies/election_and_membership/items/6558.php.

XIII. Capacity-building under the Convention
(Agenda item 13)

129. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBI for its consideration.

130. At its 12th meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI, the COP adopted the following decisions:

(a) Decision 16/CP.23, entitled "Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017";

(b) Decision 17/CP.23, entitled "Fourth review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition".

XIV. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention
(Agenda item 14)

A. Implementation of the Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures (decision 1/CP.10)
(Agenda sub-item 14(a))

131. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda sub-item to the SBSTA and the SBI for their consideration.

132. At its 13th meeting, the COP took note of the SBSTA 47 conclusions[73] on this matter under agenda item 3, "Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change".

133. At the same meeting, the COP noted that SBI 47 had considered this matter under agenda sub-item 17(d), "Progress on the implementation of decision 1/CP.10". The COP also noted that Parties did not reach specific conclusions on this matter and that the SBI had agreed to continue consideration of the matter at SBI 48.[74]

B. Matters relating to the least developed countries
(Agenda sub-item 14(b))

134. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda sub-item to the SBI for its consideration.

135. At its 12th meeting, the COP took note of the SBI conclusions[75] on matters relating to the least developed countries.

XV. Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation
(Agenda item 15)

136. At its 3rd meeting, the President recalled that, at COP 21, the COP had resolved to strengthen, in the period 2016–2020, the technical examination process on mitigation to consider opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits. He also recalled that COP 21 had launched a technical examination process on adaptation for the same period to consider opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the implementation of adaptation action.

[73] FCCC/SBSTA/2017/7, paragraphs 12–27.
[74] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 131.
[75] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraphs 48–60.

137. The President further recalled that, at COP 21, the COP had decided to assess the two processes to improve their effectiveness in 2017. On a proposal by the President, the COP agreed to convene open-ended consultations facilitated by Mr. Saran to further explore and consider the experience with the technical examination processes with a view to improving their effectiveness and to report back to the COP on the outcome.

138. At the same meeting, a statement was made by a representative of local government and municipal authorities.

139. At its 12th meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted decision 13/CP.23, entitled "Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation".

XVI. Gender and climate change

(Agenda item 16)

140. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda item to the SBI for its consideration.

141. At its 12th meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,[76] the COP adopted decision 3/CP.23, entitled "Establishment of a gender action plan".

XVII. Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies

(Agenda item 17)

142. At its 13th meeting, the COP noted that no matters had been raised under this agenda item.

XVIII. Administrative, financial and institutional matters

(Agenda item 18)

A. Audit report and financial statements for 2016

(Agenda sub-item 18(a))

B. Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017

(Agenda sub-item 18(b))

143. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer agenda sub-items 18(a) and (b) to the SBI for its consideration.

144. At its 12th meeting, on a recommendation of the SBI,[77] the COP adopted decision 20/CP.23, entitled "Administrative, financial and institutional matters".

C. Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

(Agenda sub-item 18(c))

145. At its 1st meeting, the COP decided to refer this agenda sub-item to the SBI for its consideration.

146. At its 12th meeting, the COP took note of the draft decision on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 recommended at SBI 46[78] for adoption at COP 23, and the recommendation of SBI 47[79] to amend the draft decision by removing the following text

[76] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraph 142.
[77] FCCC/SBI/2017/7/Add.1.
[78] As footnote 77 above.
[79] FCCC/SBI/2017/19, paragraphs 146.

from the third preambular paragraph: "and the revised work programme contained in document [xxx]".

147. The COP, on a proposal by the President, adopted decision 21/CP.23, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019", as amended.

D. Decision-making in the UNFCCC process
(Agenda sub-item 18(d))

148. At the 3rd meeting, the President proposed that Mr. Yauvoli conduct informal consultations on this matter and report back to the COP on the outcome.

149. At the same meeting, a representative of a Party made a statement.

150. At the 13th meeting, the President thanked Mr. Yauvoli for his assistance and informed the COP that, while there had been a constructive discussion on the issue, Parties had not concluded their consideration of the matter, and that, in accordance with rules 10(c) and 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, this matter will be included on the provisional agenda for COP 24.

E. Review of the process established by decision 14/CP.1 relating to the selection and nomination of the Executive Secretary (at the level of Under-Secretary-General) and the Deputy Executive Secretary (at the level of Assistant Secretary-General)
(Agenda sub-item 18(e))

151. At its 13th meeting, the COP had before it a document containing background information on decision 14/CP.1 and the process to appoint the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary.[80]

152. The President recalled that COP 22 had requested SBI 46 to consider this matter with a view to forwarding a recommendation to COP 23.[81]

153. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP took note of the conclusions of the SBI[82] on the selection processes for the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary, which affirmed that, on the basis of established practice at the secretariat, the processes for future selection of the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary should continue to be undertaken in line with the United Nations principles and practices.

XIX. High-level segment
(Agenda item 19)

154. At the joint 4th meeting of the COP and the CMP and the 10th meeting of the CMA, on 15 November, the joint high-level segment of the three bodies was opened by the President.

155. Statements were made by the President; Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany; Mr. Guterres; and Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the United Nations General Assembly.[83]

A. Statements by Parties
(Agenda sub-item 19(a))

[80] FCCC/CP/2016/INF.2.

[81] See document FCCC/CP/2016/10, paragraph 148.

[82] FCCC/SBI/2017/7, paragraph 138.

[83] The statements, considered to be part of the official record of the session, are available at https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop23/opening-statements-cop23/cmp13/cma12.

156. During the high-level segment, 163 statements were delivered by 162 Parties.[84] Statements were given by 25 Heads of State and Government, four Vice-Presidents and Deputy Prime Ministers and 135 ministers[85] and representatives of Parties.[86]

157. The representative of Morocco attended the high-level segment but did not deliver a statement. The statement was posted on the high-level segment page of the UNFCCC website.[87]

158. Two Parties, Albania and Kenya, requested to have their statements posted on the UNFCCC website in lieu of oral delivery.[88]

B. Statements by observer organizations

(Agenda sub-item 19(b))

159. At the joint 9th meeting of the COP, 9th meeting of the CMP and 15th meeting of the CMA, on 16 November, 23 statements were made by representatives of IGOs and NGOs.[89]

C. Closing the high-level event on global climate action

160. The closing of the high-level event on global climate action was held on 15 November. At the event, the *Yearbook of Global Climate Action 2017*[90] was presented to the President of the COP. The yearbook provides an annual overview of action in seven thematic areas and the achievements made under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

161. Statements were made by Mr. Inia Seruirata, COP 23 high-level champion and Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management of Fiji; Mr. Mezouar; Ms. Jill Peeters, member of the Climate Action Leadership Network; Mr. Sridharan; Ms. Fiza Farhan, member of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment; Ms. Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland; Mr. Frank Appel, Chief Executive Officer of Deutsche Post DHL Group; Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Head of Climate Change at the World Wildlife Fund; Mr. Guterres; and Mr. Bainimarama.

XX. Other matters

(Agenda item 20)

162. At its 13th meeting, the COP noted that no other matter had been raised under this agenda item.

XXI. Conclusion of the session

(Agenda item 21)

163. At the joint 15th meeting of the COP, 14th meeting of the CMP and 19th meeting of the CMA, groups of Parties and observer organizations made closing statements.

164. Statements were made by representatives of Mexico (on behalf of EIG), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations), Brazil (on behalf of Brazil, China, India and South Africa), Ecuador (on behalf of the

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[84] Ecuador delivered two statements: a national statement and a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

[85] Two ministers spoke jointly on behalf of the European Union.

[86] The statements, considered to be part of the official record of the session, are available at https://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/ondemand.

[87] https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop23/high-level-segment/high-level-segment-statements-of-cop23/cmp13/cma12.

[88] See footnote 87 above.

[89] As footnote 86 above.

[90] Available at http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9951.php.

Group of 77 and China), Maldives (on behalf of AOSIS), Australia (on behalf of the Umbrella Group), Estonia (on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States), Ethiopia (on behalf of the least developed countries), Mali (on behalf of the African States), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the LMDCs) and Peru (on behalf of AILAC), and representatives of three Parties also made statements.

165. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of women and gender NGOs, youth NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, and research and independent NGOs.

166. At the 16th meeting, on 18 November, a representative of the secretariat provided a preliminary estimate of the administrative and budgetary implications of some of the decisions adopted during the session, in accordance with rule 15 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

167. He informed the COP that certain activities mandated at the session required resources additional to the approved budget for the biennium 2018–2019: under agenda sub-item 3(a), "Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice", additional funding in the amount of EUR 45,000 will be required; under agenda item 4, "Preparations for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement", additional funding in the amount of EUR 4.4 million will be required; under agenda sub-item 10(a), "Long-term climate finance", additional funding in the amount of EUR 113,000 will be required; and under agenda item 16, "Gender and climate change", additional funding in the amount of EUR 280,000 will be required.

168. He noted that these amounts were preliminary and based on the information available at that time.

169. Resource requirements in 2020 and beyond resulting from decisions adopted at this session will be reviewed in the context of established budgetary procedures, including requirements under agenda sub-item 8(b), "Review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network", for which additional funding in the amount of EUR 75,000 will be required in 2021.

A. Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-third session

(Agenda sub-item 21(a))

170. At its 16th meeting, the COP considered the draft report on its twenty-third session and, on a proposal by the President, authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

B. Closure of the session

(Agenda sub-item 21(b))

171. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP adopted resolution 1/CP.23, entitled "Expression of gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the people of the city of Bonn".

172. The President then declared COP 23 closed.[91]

[91] COP 23 obtained certification under the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), which is the environmental management system of the European Union. This means that the sustainable organization of the session was found to be fully compliant with EMAS principles, such as reducing the environmental impact of the event, communicating the results in a transparent manner and following the path of continuous improvement. Special thanks are extended to the Government of Germany and the secretariat for their leadership and determination. Future hosts of COP sessions are encouraged to ensure that United Nations climate change conferences play their part in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Annex

Parties to the Convention and observer States attending the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties

[English only]

A. Parties to the Convention

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Estonia
Ethiopia
European Union
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar

Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Spain
Sri Lanka
State of Palestine
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

B. Observer States

Holy See